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DRAFTED BY EA/PHL:BAFLECK:CB
APPROVED BY EA - MR. OAKLEY
S/NM:JRAFFERTY (SUBS)
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RP, PDIP (ROMUALDEZ, BENJAMIN)

SUBJECT: KOKOY ROMUALDEZ

1. LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 1 SECRET SERVICE TELPHONED EA/PHL AND STATED THERE WAS MAN IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, BANK TRYING TO BUY TRAVELERS CHECKS WITH DOLS 1600 IN COUNTER-FEIT CURRENCY WHO WAS CLAIMING TO BE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO CHINA. SECRET SERVICE REQUESTED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AMBASSADOR WHICH EA/PHL PROVIDED.

2. SIMULTANEOUSLY, SECRET SERVICE TELPHONED JAMES RAFFERTY, WHOSE NAME WAS GIVEN AS REFERENCE BY SUSPECT. RAFFERTY SPOKE WITH SUSPECT ON TELEPHONE AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS BANJAMIN ROMUALDEZ, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PRC AND BROTHER OF MRS. IMELDA MARCOS. IN RESPONSE TO RAFFERTY'S QUERY WHERE MONEY WAS PROCURED, ROMUALDEZ
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REPLIED HE HAS OBTAINED IT IN MANILA. WHEN PRESSED FOR ACTUAL SOURCE, ROMUALDEZ PROMISED TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION WITHIN 24 HOURS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED EITHER OFFICIAL OR INFORMAL INQUIRY FROM PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HERE, WHICH MAY AS YET BE UNINFORMED. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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